

REMARKS

This paper is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, and is further to the Advisory Action mailed August 22, 2006. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of this application and consideration and entry of this paper are respectfully requested in view of the herein remarks and accompanying information, which place the application in condition for allowance.

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 25-30, 32-39, and 41-53 are now pending. Claims 1-24, 31, and 40 have been canceled and claims 41-53 have been added without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuing application.

Claims 25-30 and 32-36 have been clarified to recite "rat or mouse" rather than "animal" or "non-human animal." This is supported on page 4, lines 9-13, and page 15, lines 28 and 29. Claim 26 has been clarified to recite "increases in bone pathology comprising vulnerability of bone tissue, bone resorption or delay in bone growth" rather than "changes in bone pathology comprising vulnerability of bone tissue, change of bone morphology or delay in bone growth." This is supported, for example, in page 9, lines 12-17, and Example 4. Claims 41-53 have been added and mirror the pending claims, but recite "rat" instead of "rat or mouse." Support can be found on page 15, line 19 - page 16, line 7 and page 30, lines 9-28. The amendments to claims 25-30 and 32-36 are made without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

It is submitted that these claims are and were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. In addition, the amendment and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks herein are made simply to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Applicants verily believe that the new claims place the application in better condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable examination on the merits, and


prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, are respectfully requested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended herein and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or an interview at a very early date with a view to placing the application in condition for allowance, are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

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